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Mr. Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Turner:

This is in reply to your letter asking us to certify that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has a priority allocation level of 100 percent of base period use not subject to an allocation fraction under the motor gasoline allocation regulations.

Under Section 211.103(b)(1) of the Mandatory Petroleum Allocation Regulations, an allocation level for motor gasoline of 100 percent of base period use, not subject to the supplier's allocation fraction, is specifically accorded to Department of Defense use for essential military and readiness-oriented operations. The CIA is part of "governmental use" in a lesser priority category. This category applies only to the extent that the CIA is a wholesale purchaser-consumer or bulk purchaser.

If you believe that this secondary priority is a problem for the CIA we would be pleased to meet with you. Please have a member of your staff arrange to meet with F. Scott Bush, Assistant Administrator for Regulations and Emergency Planning in the Department's Economic Regulatory Administration, to determine the best means of resolving it. He can be reached at (202) 653-3166.

Sincerely,

John C. Sawhill
Deputy Secretary